

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 55.1781, 55.1782, 55.1783, 55.1784, 55.1785, 55.1786, 55.1787, 55.1788, 55.1789, 55.17891, and 55.17892 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.1781. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Texas A&M University--Commerce, \$48 million for construction of a nursing and health sciences building;

(2) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, \$60 million for construction of a life sciences research and engineering building;

(3) Texas A&M University--Kingsville, \$60 million for

1 an educational complex;

2 (4) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$32 million for
3 construction of an academic and student services building;

4 (5) West Texas A&M University:

5 (A) \$38,160,000 for construction of an
6 agricultural sciences complex; and

7 (B) \$7,200,000 for renovation of the Amarillo
8 Center;

9 (6) The Texas A&M University System Health Science
10 Center:

11 (A) \$72 million for construction of a dental
12 clinic facility at the Baylor College of Dentistry; and

13 (B) \$72 million for construction of a
14 multidisciplinary research and education facility in Bryan, Texas;

15 (7) Texas A&M International University, \$55,200,000
16 for library renovation through the addition of instructional and
17 support spaces;

18 (8) Prairie View A&M University, \$28,632,000 for
19 construction of a fabrication center and capital improvements;

20 (9) Tarleton State University:

21 (A) \$54 million for construction of an applied
22 sciences building; and

23 (B) \$39,600,000 for construction of a southwest
24 metroplex building in Tarrant County;

25 (10) Texas A&M University, \$75 million for
26 construction of a biocontainment research facility;

27 (11) Texas A&M University at Galveston, \$60 million

1 for construction of a classroom and laboratory facility and campus
2 infrastructure;

3 (12) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, \$36 million
4 for construction of a multipurpose building; and

5 (13) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$63 million
6 for construction of a science and technology building and campus
7 infrastructure.

8 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
9 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
10 an institution, branch, or entity of The Texas A&M University
11 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge
12 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the
13 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those
14 bonds, are outstanding.

15 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
16 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
17 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The Texas A&M
18 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
19 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
20 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

21 Sec. 55.1782. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
22 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
23 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System
24 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or
25 equip property and facilities, including roads and related
26 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of
27 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a

1 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the
2 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate
3 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

4 (1) The University of Texas at Austin, \$75 million for
5 renovation of Robert A. Welch Hall;

6 (2) The University of Texas--Rio Grande Valley:

7 (A) \$36,432,000 for construction of a
8 multipurpose academic building at the campus in Brownsville; and

9 (B) \$30,600,000 for construction of an
10 interdisciplinary engineering academic studies building at the
11 campus in Edinburg;

12 (3) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical
13 Center at Dallas, \$80 million for the construction and renovation
14 of a vivarium and academic and laboratory facilities;

15 (4) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
16 San Antonio, \$80 million for facility renewal and renovation;

17 (5) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer
18 Center, \$70 million for construction of the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan
19 Al Nahyan building;

20 (6) The University of Texas Medical Branch at
21 Galveston, \$67,800,000 for construction of a health education
22 center;

23 (7) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$70 million
24 for construction of a science and education innovation and research
25 building;

26 (8) The University of Texas at Dallas, \$70 million for
27 construction of an engineering building;

1 (9) The University of Texas at El Paso, \$70 million for
2 construction of an interdisciplinary research facility;

3 (10) The University of Texas at San Antonio, \$70
4 million for construction of an instructional science and
5 engineering building;

6 (11) The University of Texas at Tyler, \$60 million for
7 construction of a STEM building;

8 (12) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
9 Houston, \$80 million for the renovation and modernization of
10 educational and research facilities;

11 (13) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
12 Tyler, \$14,800,000 for the renovation and modernization of
13 educational and research facilities; and

14 (14) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, \$48
15 million for construction of engineering and kinesiology buildings.

16 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
17 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
18 an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas
19 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge
20 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the
21 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those
22 bonds, are outstanding.

23 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
24 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
25 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University
26 of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
27 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or

1 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

2 Sec. 55.1783. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
3 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
4 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston
5 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
6 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
7 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
8 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
9 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
10 the board for the following institutions or entities, not to exceed
11 the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects
12 specified, as follows:

13 (1) the University of Houston:

14 (A) \$63 million for construction of a health and
15 biomedical sciences center; and

16 (B) \$54 million for construction of a new
17 academic building located in Sugar Land, Texas;

18 (2) the University of Houston--Clear Lake:

19 (A) \$24,624,000 for construction of a health
20 sciences and classroom building located in Pearland, Texas; and

21 (B) \$54 million for construction of a STEM and
22 classroom building;

23 (3) the University of Houston--Downtown, \$60 million
24 for construction of a science and technology building;

25 (4) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$60 million
26 for academic expansion and land acquisition; and

27 (5) the University of Houston System, \$46,832,000 for

1 land acquisition for construction of a building in the area near
2 Katy, Texas.

3 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
4 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
5 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of Houston
6 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge
7 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the
8 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those
9 bonds, are outstanding.

10 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
11 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
12 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University
13 of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
14 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
15 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

16 Sec. 55.1784. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
17 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
18 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University
19 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
20 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
21 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
22 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
23 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
24 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the
25 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,
26 as follows:

27 (1) Lamar University, \$60 million for construction of

1 a science building;

2 (2) Lamar State College--Orange, \$10 million for
3 construction of a multipurpose education building;

4 (3) Lamar State College--Port Arthur, \$8,080,000 for
5 expansion of technology program facilities;

6 (4) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$12,500,000 for
7 construction and renovation of technical arts buildings;

8 (5) Texas State University:

9 (A) \$63 million for construction of an
10 engineering and sciences building; and

11 (B) \$48,600,000 for construction of a health
12 professions building in Round Rock, Texas;

13 (6) Sam Houston State University, \$48 million for
14 construction of a biology laboratory building; and

15 (7) Sul Ross State University, \$6,240,000 for
16 renovation and modernization of educational and related facilities
17 and infrastructure.

18 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
19 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
20 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State University
21 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge
22 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the
23 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those
24 bonds, are outstanding.

25 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
26 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
27 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State

1 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
2 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
3 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

4 Sec. 55.1785. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
5 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
6 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas
7 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
8 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
9 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
10 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
11 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
12 the board for the following institutions or entities, not to exceed
13 the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects
14 specified, as follows:

15 (1) the University of North Texas System, \$56 million
16 for renovation of college of law buildings;

17 (2) the University of North Texas, \$70 million for
18 construction and renovation of college of visual arts and design
19 facilities;

20 (3) the University of North Texas at Dallas, \$63
21 million for construction of a student learning and success center;
22 and

23 (4) the University of North Texas Health Science
24 Center at Fort Worth, \$80 million for construction of an
25 interdisciplinary research building.

26 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
27 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of

1 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of North Texas
2 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge
3 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the
4 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those
5 bonds, are outstanding.

6 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
7 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
8 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University
9 of North Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
10 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
11 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

12 Sec. 55.1786. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY. (a) In addition to
13 the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of
14 regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire, purchase,
15 construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and
16 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a
17 laboratory building, to be financed through the issuance of bonds
18 in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate
19 principal amount of \$37,997,000.

20 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
21 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
22 Texas Woman's University, including student tuition charges. The
23 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or
24 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
25 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

26 Sec. 55.1787. MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL
27 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this

1 subchapter, the board of regents of Midwestern State University may
2 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
3 property and facilities, including roads and related
4 infrastructure, for an academic expansion and revitalization
5 project, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance
6 with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount
7 of \$58,400,000.

8 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
9 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
10 Midwestern State University, including student tuition charges.
11 The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced
12 or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
13 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

14 Sec. 55.1788. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) In
15 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
16 board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State University may acquire,
17 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property
18 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a
19 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics research
20 building at Stephen F. Austin State University, to be financed
21 through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter,
22 not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$46,400,000.

23 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
24 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
25 Stephen F. Austin State University, including student tuition
26 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not
27 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is

1 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

2 Sec. 55.1789. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
3 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
4 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University
5 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
6 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
7 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
8 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
9 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
10 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the
11 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,
12 as follows:

13 (1) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center:

14 (A) \$60,264,000 for construction of Lubbock
15 education, research, and technology facilities;

16 (B) \$14,256,000 for construction of the Permian
17 Basin academic facility; and

18 (C) \$5,715,000 for construction of the Amarillo
19 Panhandle Clinical/Hospital Simulation;

20 (2) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El
21 Paso, \$75,520,000 for construction of the El Paso Medical Science
22 Building II;

23 (3) Texas Tech University, \$70 million for
24 construction of an experimental sciences high tech
25 interdisciplinary research building; and

26 (4) Angelo State University, \$21,360,000 for
27 construction of a College of Health and Human Services building.

1 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
2 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
3 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas Tech University
4 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge
5 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the
6 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those
7 bonds, are outstanding.

8 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
9 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
10 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas Tech
11 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
12 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
13 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

14 Sec. 55.17891. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL
15 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
16 subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Southern University may
17 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
18 property and facilities, including roads and related
19 infrastructure, for the Robert J. Terry Library at Texas Southern
20 University, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in
21 accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate
22 principal amount of \$60 million.

23 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
24 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
25 Texas Southern University, including student tuition charges. The
26 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or
27 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds

1 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

2 Sec. 55.17892. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. (a) In
3 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
4 board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may
5 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
6 property and facilities, including roads and related
7 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of
8 bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following
9 institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal
10 amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

11 (1) Texas State Technical College--West Texas, \$12
12 million for construction of an industrial technology center;

13 (2) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen,
14 \$3,750,000 for Phase II of the Engineering Technology Center
15 renovation;

16 (3) Texas State Technical College--Waco, \$14,950,000
17 for construction of the Fort Bend Campus Building #2; and

18 (4) Texas State Technical College--Marshall,
19 \$11,040,000 for purchase and renovation of the North Texas
20 Technology Center.

21 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
22 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution,
23 branch, or entity of the Texas State Technical College System,
24 including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made
25 under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the
26 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those
27 bonds, are outstanding.

1 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
2 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
3 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State
4 Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
5 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
6 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

7 SECTION 2. Sections 55.17721(d) and (e), Education Code,
8 are repealed.

9 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect any authority or
10 restriction regarding the activities that a public institution of
11 higher education may conduct in connection with a facility financed
12 by bonds authorized by this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 100 was passed by the House on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 13, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 100 on May 21, 2015, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 100 on May 29, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 100

I certify that H.B. No. 100 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 100 on May 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor